

TO THE HONOURABLE THE SPEAKER AND MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

This petition of concerned citizens who have a heart and compassion for displaced people, draws to the attention of the House the

PLIGHT OF ASYLUM SEEKERS WITHIN AUSTRALIA'S JURISDICTION

Our petition concerns the need for;

- humane and expedient treatment and processing of asylum seekers in Australia recognising that those seeking asylum are not illegal entrants no matter what method of transport they use to get here, they are genuinely seeking protection,
- those seeking asylum to be processed quickly and efficiently, giving them future, hope, purpose and direction, rather than adding to their current trauma which in turn creates lasting trauma within the community,
- the ceasing of Inhumane and discriminatory treatment of Asylum Seekers which creates extreme anxiety and hardship for those most vulnerable and marginalised in our world, particularly women and Children for whom detention is inappropriate and oppressive.

We therefore ask the House to;

immediately appoint a Parliamentary Committee to examine and investigate the current situation and in doing so invite submissions by asylum seekers, refugee organisations and other welfare services, as they consider:

- Unfettering and expedient processing of asylum seekers on the mainland of Australia
- Closing offshore Detention Centres
- Restoring protection visas regardless of the method of travel
- Moving Asylum Seekers into communities and enabling them to support themselves including the establishment of work rights
- Ensuring women and children are protected and not incarcerated in detention.
- Ensuring their appeals are considered compassionately and quickly
- Hastening implementation of the committee's findings